



## 2011 Fact Sheet

<b>Superintendent</b>	(Acting) Elwood Lynn	
<b>Established</b>	December 1, 1978	Designated National Monument
	October 24, 1979	Designated World Heritage Site
	December 2, 1980	Designated National Park and Preserve
<b>Size</b>	Park 8,323,148 acres	13,004.9 square miles
	Preserve <u>4,852,753 acres</u>	<u>7,582.4 square miles</u>
	Total 13,175,901 acres	20,587.3 square miles
	Wilderness 9,078,675 acres	14,185.4 square miles
<b>Visitation</b>	Approximately 60,000	
<b>NPS Staffing</b>	Permanent	approximately 35
	Seasonal	approximately 80
	Volunteers	approximately 81 (3,062 hours)
<b>Park Roads</b>	Nabesna Road- 42 miles (68 kilometers) in length, gravel McCarthy Road: 59 miles (98 kilometers) in length, gravel	
<b>Landmarks/Elevations</b>		<b><u>Elevation above Sea Level</u></b>
	Copper Center Visitor Center	1150 feet 350.5 meters
	Kennecott National Historic Landmark	2000 feet 609.6 meters
	Slana Ranger Station	2198 feet 670.0 meters
	Yakutat Ranger Station	0 feet 0.0 meters
	Mt. St. Elias	18,008 feet 5488.8 meters
	Mt. Bona	16,421 feet 5005.1 meters
	Mt. Blackburn	16,390 feet 4995.7 meters
	Mt. Sanford	16,237 feet 4949.0 meters
	Good Neighbor Peak	15,979 feet 4870.4 meters
	Mt. Churchill	15,638 feet 4766.5 meters
<b>Flora</b>	Vascular Plants- 936 taxa documented Tree Species- 8 Lichens- 133 species documented Bryophytes (mosses and liverworts) 187 documented	
<b>Wildlife Species</b>	Mammals	49
	Birds	239
	Fish	21
	Amphibians	2 (wood frog and boreal toad)

Reptiles 0

## **The Copper River**

- Only river to penetrate Chugach Mountain Range  
290 miles (467 kilometers) in length
- Carries 750,000 cubic feet (21,238 cubic meters) of sediment daily. Fourth siltiest river in the world.
- Spawning corridor for famous Copper River Sockeye and Chinook Salmon
- 3,600 feet (1,097 meters) elevation drop from source to sea
- Discharge estimated at 61,000 cubic feet (1,727 cubic meters) per second

## **Mountain Ranges**

Alaska Mountain Range  
Chugach Mountain Range  
Wrangell Mountain Range  
St. Elias Mountain Range (highest coastal range in the world)

## **Volcanoes**

The Wrangell volcanic field is composed of 12 volcanoes, one of which, Mt. Wrangell (14,163 feet / 4,317 meters), is still active. Mt. Wrangell, with 250 cubic miles (1,042 cubic kilometers) of available lava, is the highest and largest active volcano in Alaska.

## **Glaciers**

- Greatest concentration of glaciers in North America. 25% of Wrangell-St. Elias is covered by glacial ice.
- Nabesna Glacier-At 75 miles in length, it's one of the longest valley glaciers in the world.
- Malaspina Glacier- Largest piedmont glacier in North America at 1,500 square miles (3,885 square kilometers)
- Bagley Icefield- Largest sub-polar icefield in North America. 127 miles (204 kilometers) in length and estimated to be 3,000 feet (914 meters) deep.
- Hubbard Glacier- At 76 miles (122 kilometers), it's the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska.

## **Weather (Gulkana)**

Average January minimum temperature	-13.9 F	-25.5 C
Record minimum temperature	-65.0 F	-53.9 C
Average July maximum temperature	+68.0 F	20.0 C
Record July maximum temperature	+91.0 F	32.8 C
Average annual rainfall	10.9 inches (27.7 centimeters)	
Record annual rainfall	14.9 inches (37.8 centimeters)	
Average annual snowfall	50.4 inches (128.0 centimeters)	
Record annual snowfall	93.9 inches (238.5 centimeters)	